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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, IT

SUBJECT: ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CARTEL

1. ANTITRUST DIVISION OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL CARTEL IN THE HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY. IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION, JUSTICE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ECON/COMM OFFICER WILLIAM J. WALLER (EMBASSY BELGRADE) CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING AN ALLEGATION MADE DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT IN ROME THAT AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED FIRM WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE US HEAVY ELECTRICAL MACHINERY MARKET.

2. A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL STATES THAT ECONOMIST BARBARA EPSTEIN, WHO WROTE A BOOK ON SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL CARTELS, HAS CLAIMED THAT FSO WALLER TOLD HER HE WROTE A MEMORANDUM AND SENT A TELEGRAM TO DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1972 CONCERNING A MEETING BETWEEN

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WALLER AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE ITALIAN FIRM REPORTEDLY

EXCLUDED FROM THE US MARKET.

3. THE DEPARTMENT'S SEARCH OF INCOMING TELEGRAMS FROM  
ROME DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH 1972 PERIOD FAILED TO TURN UP  
ANY SUCH REPORT. COULD WALLER THROW ANY MORE LIGHT ON THE

EXISTENCE AND WHEREABOUTS OF THE MEMORANDUM AND TELEGRAM?  
CAN WALLER PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE  
SUBJECT?

4. CAN EMBASSY ROME PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE  
MEMORANDUM, TELEGRAM, OR THE GENERAL SUBJECT?

5. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WISHES EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION  
FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WALLER OR EMBASSY ROME MAY BE ABLE  
PROVIDE IN THIS CONNECTION. KISSINGER

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